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RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS REPORTED TO BE VERY DRY

Less than normal winter precipitation, and lack of spring rain has left ranges and pastures very dry with little spring growth. Despite the dry weather, pastures throughout the state were still reported to be in fair condition. Livestock were reported in fair condition. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as none to light.

Overall, Northern grazing conditions ranged from poor to good during May. High elevation pastures were reported in poor to good condition, while mid level and lower pastures were reported in poor to fair condition. Livestock condition was fair. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as none to light.

Central Arizona pasture conditions remained in fair to good condition at low elevation, ranged from poor to good at mid, and were reported as fair at high elevations. Livestock conditions remained constant, being reported as fair. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as none.

Southern pasture conditions were fair to good at mid and high elevations. Low level elevations reported conditions ranging from poor to good. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Cotton planting is continuing at a steady pace. As of May 7, 76 percent of **Cotton** was reported as planted, compared to 73 percent last year and 87 percent for the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased compared to last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 35 percent not being harvested, 15 percent light, 16 percent

moderate, and 34 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 26 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 41 percent fair, and 36 percent good. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of May 7, 88 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 87 percent of **Barley**, 87 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 95 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **headed**, while 12 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 12 percent of **Barley**, 26 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 21 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **mature**.

Temperatures throughout the state were above average for the fifth week in a row. Temperatures ranged from 10 degrees above normal at Kingman to 5 degree above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 105 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 24 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 0 stations.

Last week producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **cabbage**, **cilantro**, **dill**, **green onions**, **kale**, **mixed greens**, **parsley**, **potatoes** and **swiss chard**. **Lettuce** shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. As western Arizona season nears its conclusion, producers shipped **flowering kale**, **potatoes** and **radicchio**. Western **lettuce** shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons**, **grapefruit**, **tangerines**, **tangelos** and **valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **lemons** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK APRIL 30-MAY 6, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	56	5	90	26	0.00	2.35	2.70
Casa Grande	72	8	102	51	0.00	1.74	2.61
Coolidge	70	8	105	48	0.00	2.27	2.92
Douglas	65	6	96	43	0.00	0.37	1.90
Flagstaff	47	7	76	24	0.00	5.39	8.36
Gila Bend	75	6	104	55	0.00	2.05	2.06
Grand Canyon	47	9	82	28	0.00	6.01	5.68
Kingman	64	10	92	51	0.00	1.62	3.53
Parker	75	8	105	59	0.00	0.66	1.77
Payson	57	6	90	36	0.00	6.09	7.47
Phoenix	75	8	99	63	0.00	2.99	2.45
Prescott Airport	56	8	84	39	0.00	2.16	3.30
Safford Ag Center	66	7	99	46	0.00	0.33	2.09
Tucson	70	7	99	54	0.00	1.18	2.65
Willcox	62	6	95	41	0.00	1.09	2.55
Winslow	58	6	90	37	0.00	1.49	1.84
Yuma	76	7	101	63	0.00	0.30	0.96

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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